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In re patent application of:

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**AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCOMPANYING  
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) AND  
SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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25 Sir:

In accordance with the accompanying petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3), please amend the instant application as follows.

**30 Amendment to the specification**

Please replace paragraph 1, page 1, line 4 of the instant application as follows:

35 This application is a ~~second~~ continuation-in-part of pending application serial number 09/692,674 filed October 18, 2000 which is a

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1 continuation-in-part of serial number 09/487,981, filed January 20, 2000,  
now abandoned ~~which was based on U.S. Ser. No. 08/920,417 now U.S.~~  
6,109,850 granted Aug. 29, 2000. ~~The first pending continuation-in-part~~  
application is serial number 09/692,674 filed October 18, 2000.

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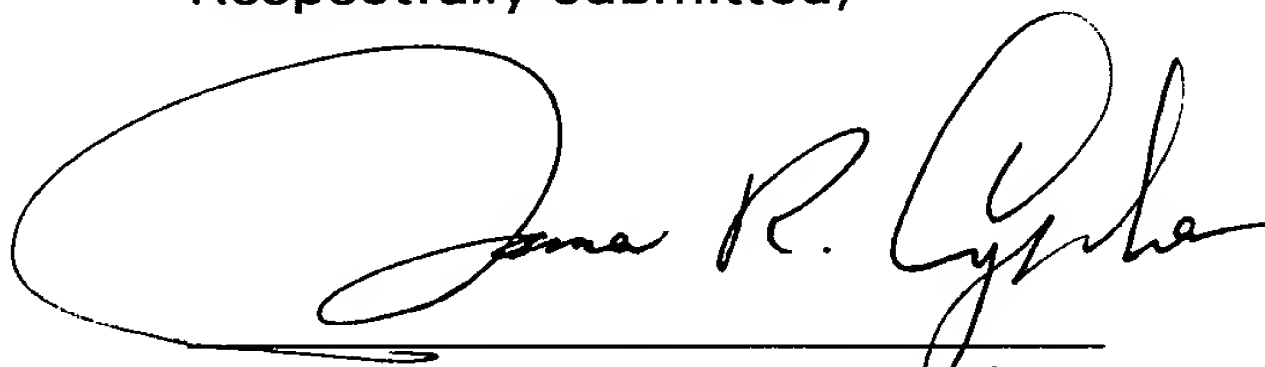
**Conclusion**

The undersigned wishes to state that if the Examiner has any questions  
about this response, the undersigned would be happy to try to answer them  
10 by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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